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1. The Soviet Naval Mission at Varna, although originally set up to handle the expansion of Albania into an important naval base, was given the task of resupplying the Greek rebels by submarine.
2. About a month ago (i.e., late September 1949), this mission received orders to prepare for evacuation by sea of between 10,000 and 11,000 Greek rebels to Rumania and Bulgaria. After preparations were made, these orders were cancelled. However, a report of the evacuation has been circulated as deception to cover the move of the rebels to northern and central Albania for action against Yugoslavia.*

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